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a six-page report, with six sketches, on Soviet and Hungarian troops and military installations in Baja, Szeged, Kiskunhalas, and Kiskunmajsa. With the exception of a brief paragraph on Szeged airfield, the report deals exclusively with ground units and installations.

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Troops in BAJA, SZEGER, KISKUNHALAS and KISKUNMAJSA: 1955/56

1. BAJA: 1956

The following units were stationed at BAJA:(See sketch at Appendix "A").

a) Infantry Unit

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The barracks housing this unit are marked (a) on the sketch at Appendix "A" and are also sketched at Appendix "B".

i) Description of buildings, as set out in Appendix "B":

Headquarters and offices, marked (a)

Four living quarters buildings, marked (b)

Club and cookhouse, marked (c)

Weapon and ammunition stores, marked (d)

Garages, marked (e)

Ration and clothing stores, marked (f)

ii) Approximately 2,000 men were billeted in these barracks, which are commanded by Lt.Col. KOVACS f.n.u.,

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This force of 2,000 included:

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A battalion of three rifle companies

An MMG company (30 MAXIM MMGs)

A mortar company (12 82 mm mortars on wheels)

A heavy mortar company (8 120 mm mortars)

A battery of 8 45 mm and 6 7.62 cm anti-tank weapons

The rifle companies were approximately 100 strong, armed with some 70 rifles, 25 SMCs, 3 MAXIM MMGs, and 12 50 mm mortars (portable).

b) Anti-tank Unit

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i)The unit was located in a requisitioned monastery, marked (b) on sketch "A", opposite the church.

ii)Approximately 200 soldiers were observed in the barracks area.

iii)The Unit had 12 7.62 cm anti-tank guns and 12 45 mm anti-tank guns.

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25X1c) Engineer Unit

The Unit contained approximately 400 soldiers billeted in the barracks marked (c) on Sketch "A", and a further 400 men living in the training grounds on the DANUBE bank, as shown at (d) on Sketch "A".

i) The barracks are recently-built, and consist of two brick buildings, located on both sides of the street as shown on the sketch.

ii) The training grounds had a wooden hut camp and stores of pontoons on the auxiliary stream.

iii) Two types of pontoons were observed:

Approximately 60 wooden pontoons, medium size, approximately 4 metres long, carried by 4 men

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Approximately 30 rubber pontoons, oval in form, approximately 4 by 3 metres, carrying 8-10 persons. The air was pumped in by the engine where a plug was removed and a rubber pipe inserted.

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iv) Twelve motor-boats, 3 of them with built-in engines, and 9 with out-board motors were tied up in the channel within the camp area.

v) Bridge-building exercises were also observed in the channel. Approximately 150 men were divided into parties which dug out earth for the approach road, carried pontoons, bound them together, and put on timber for the bridge way. Exercises with wooden pontoon bridges only were observed. The bridge was always built from one side of the channel to the other, never simultaneously from both sides, and no motor-boats were used when building a bridge. Infantry on foot and vehicles up to 3-tons only were allowed to use the crossing. No A.F.V. could have possibly used this type of pontoon bridge. No exercises were carried out to bridge the main DANUBE stream.

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i) The unit contained approximately 450 soldiers housed in the barracks known as PETOFI (48-as) barracks and marked (c) on sketch "D".

The area covered by the buildings is approximately 50 by 50 metres.

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d) AA Artillery Unit [redacted] [redacted] 25X1

i) The unit was located in the barracks North-West of BAJA at the point marked (e) in Appendix "A". See also sketch at Appendix "C". 25X1

ii) Description of buildings: (See Appendix "C")

Headquarters and offices, marked (a)

Living quarters marked (b) and (c)

Repair workshop, marked (d)

Gun garage, marked (e)

iii) 18-20 3.7 and 8.5 cm AA guns were observed in the gun garage.

iv) Approximately 350 men commanded by a Major were stationed in the barracks.

2. SZEGED: November 1955

Attached at Appendix "D" is a sketch showing location of the barracks and camps at SZEGED.

a) AVH Barracks

i) The barracks are located East of the road to BUDAPEST, approximately 400 metres North of the ROKUS railway station and marked (a) on Appendix "D".

ii) The barracks cover an area of approximately 100 by 120 metres, and consist of 6 buildings of various sizes housing approximately 400 soldiers, with blue cap-bands, and 30 officers.

b) Infantry Unit [redacted] 25X1

i) The unit was located in the barracks marked (b) on Appendix "D", covering an area of approximately 60 by 60 metres and known as TONCSICS barracks.

ii) The barracks housed approximately 400 infantry.

c) Field Artillery Unit [redacted] 25X1

i) The unit contained approximately 450 soldiers housed in the barracks known as PETOFI (48-as) barracks and marked (c) on sketch "D". The area covered by the buildings is approximately 50 by 50 metres.

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ii) Light field artillery guns, of approximately 7-8 cm.,

and having barrels with muzzle-brakes, were observed entering

and leaving the barracks.

d) Frontier Guard Barracks

A Frontier Guard unit of approximately 350 soldiers with green cap-bands was located in a requisitioned building marked (d) on sketch "D".

e) Engineer Camp

i) A camp consisting of 7 wooden huts surrounded by a barbed-wire fence is located West of the TISZAI railway station and marked (e) on sketch "D". It covers an area of approximately 80 by 200 metres.

ii) Approximately 600 soldiers were observed in this camp, and timber and other building materials were stored in a part of the camp area.

f) Signal troops camp

i) A signal unit containing approximately 350 soldiers is located in a camp near the outskirts of the town, along the road to BELGRADE, and marked (f) on sketch "D".

ii) The camp consists of 7 wooden huts surrounded by a barbed-wire fence and covers an area of approximately 120 by 150 metres.

iii) Drums and rolls of telephone wire were observed in the camp.

g) Hungarian/Russian Airfield

i) The airfield is located approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ km West of the town adjoining the road to ASOLTHALOM and marked (g) on the sketch "D".

ii) The airfield covers an area of approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ by 1.2 km and is used by the S.A.F. and H.A.F. personnel.

iii) The airfield buildings are divided into two parts, Russian and Hungarian, as shown on the sketch.

iv) The following average number of aircraft was observed:

Approximately 30 YAK-18s

Approximately 18 MIG-15s

2-3 twin-engined transport airplanes of a type resembling DAKOTA.

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3. KISKUNHALAS: January 1956

The following units were stationed at KISKUNHALAS. See sketch at Appendix "E".

a) "Old and new bicycle troop" Barracks

i) The barracks are located adjoining the Northern outskirts of the town along the road to SOLTVADKERT and cover an area of approximately 500 by 240 metres. The barracks are marked (a) on sketch "E".

ii) Approximately 1,000 infantry were housed in these buildings.

b) Frontier Guard Unit

i) This unit was located in the barracks at the North-West outskirts of the town along the road to KECCEL, covering an area of approximately 150 by 80 metres, marked (b) on sketch "E".

ii) Approximately 150 soldiers with green cap-bands were stationed in these barracks, commanded by a Major and 14-15 other officers.

c) Soviet dwellings

A requisitioned building in front of the church housed a party of approximately 8 Russian officers and their families. The building is marked (c) on sketch "E".

d) Divisional Headquarters

i) The Headquarters with its personnel is housed in a building opposite the Soviet barracks mentioned above, and contained approximately 25 officers and 30-40 NCOs and ORs. The building is marked (d) on the sketch "E".

ii) The G.O.C. was Major General GYURKO f.n.u., approximately 50, 175 cm, stout, and getting bald. He lived in a requisitioned villa near the Headquarters buildings.

e) "SZEDEDI UTI" Barracks

i) The barracks are located approximately 1 km South-East of the town along the road to SZEDED and marked (e) on sketch "E".

ii) They cover an area of approximately 280 metres and are surrounded by a brick wall.

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iii) The barracks housed an AA unit, Signal unit and an armoured car reconnaissance unit, altogether numbering approximately 1,000 soldiers, commanded by 45 officers.

iv) Captain MATHE F.N.U.,

belonged to the signal unit.

4. KISKUNMAJSA: October 1955

a) Infantry barracks are located approximately 800 metres from the outskirts of the town along the road to SZEGED. See sketch at Appendix "F".

b) Approximately 1,500 men, commanded by 70-80 officers, were housed in these barracks.

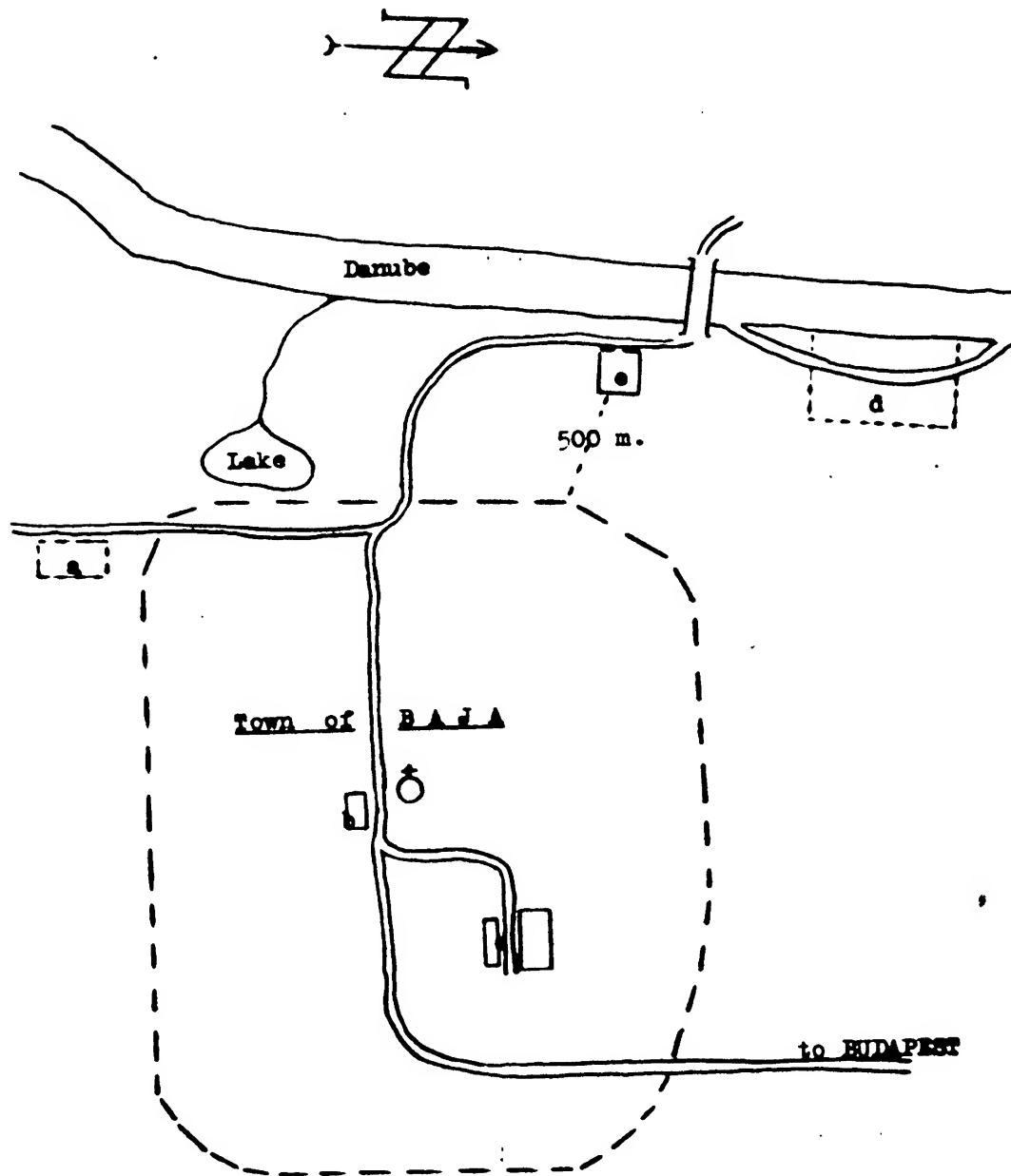
c) Four 45 mm anti-tank and two 7.62 cm F/Anti-tank guns were observed in the barracks yard being maintained.

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Appendix "A"

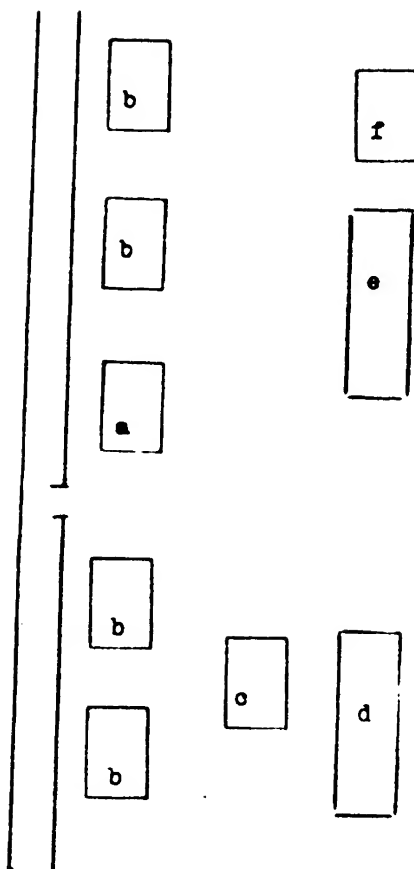


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Appendix "B"

Infantry Barracks, BAJA

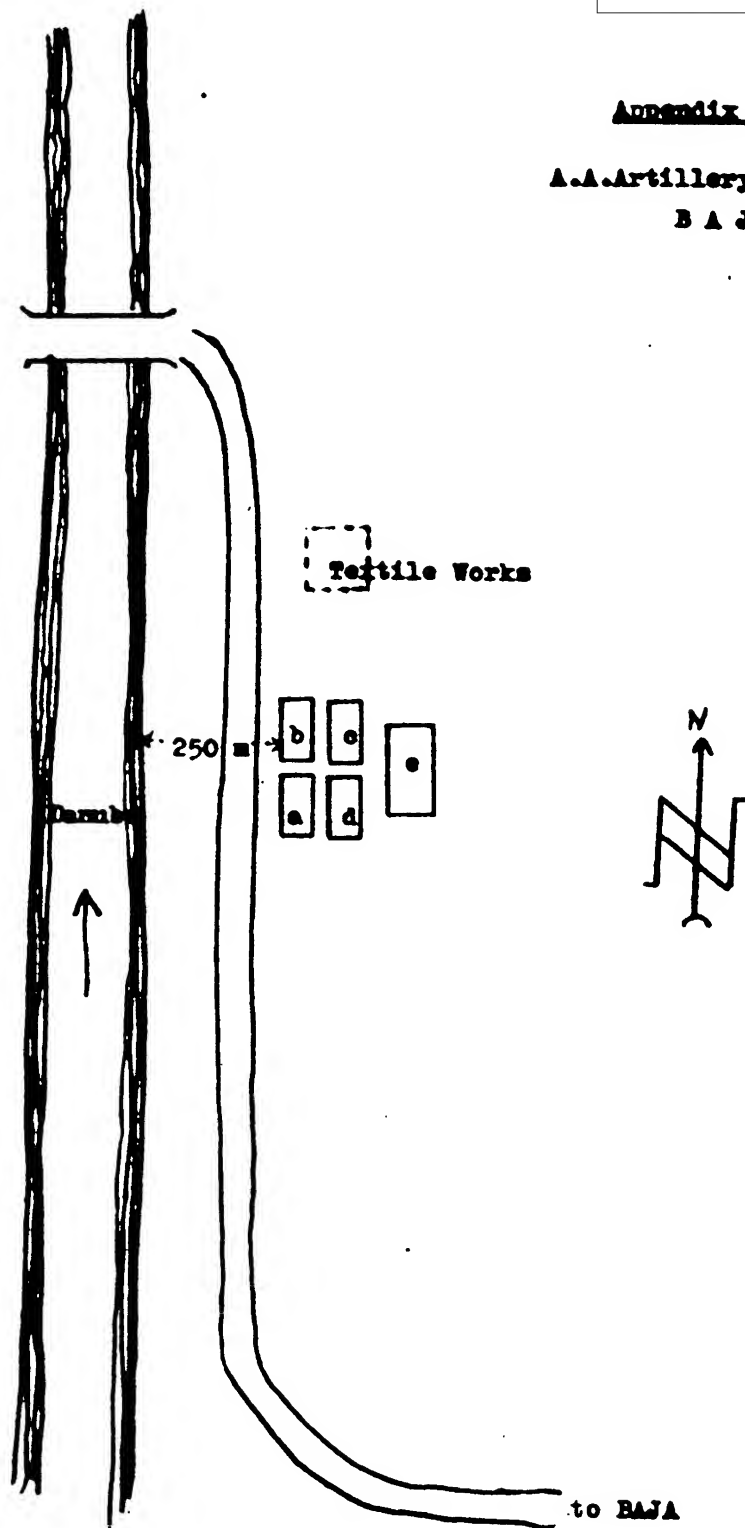


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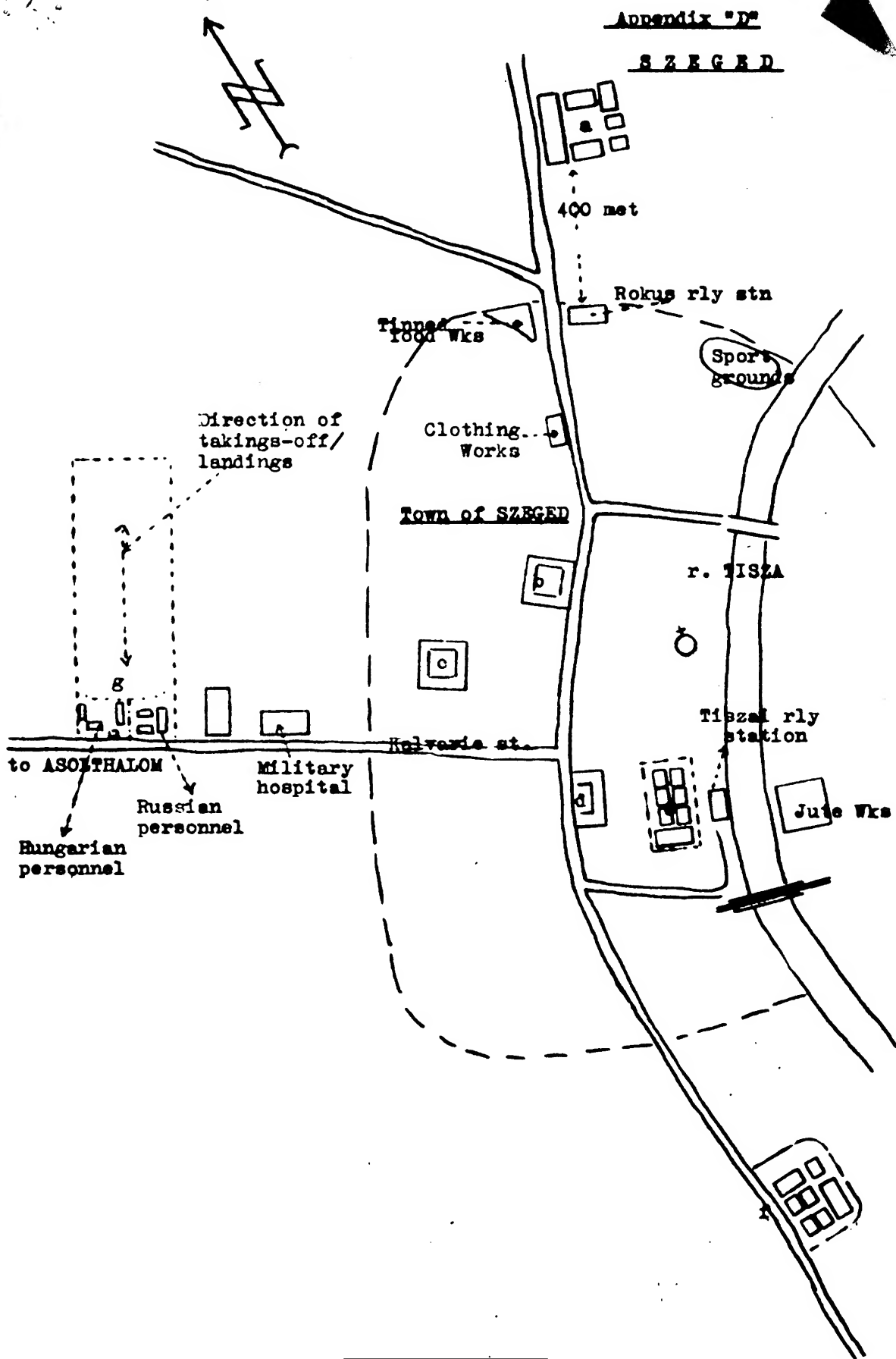
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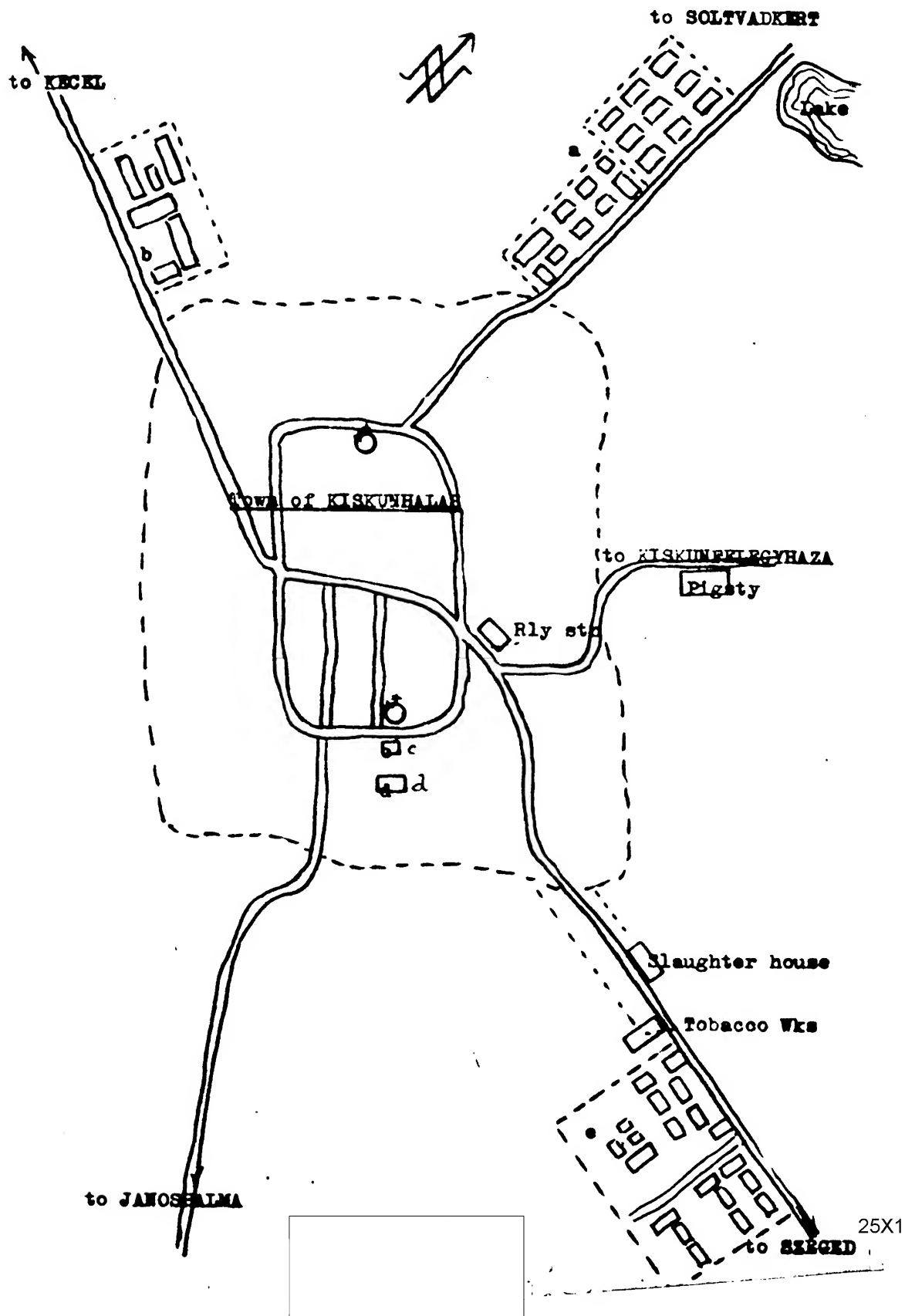


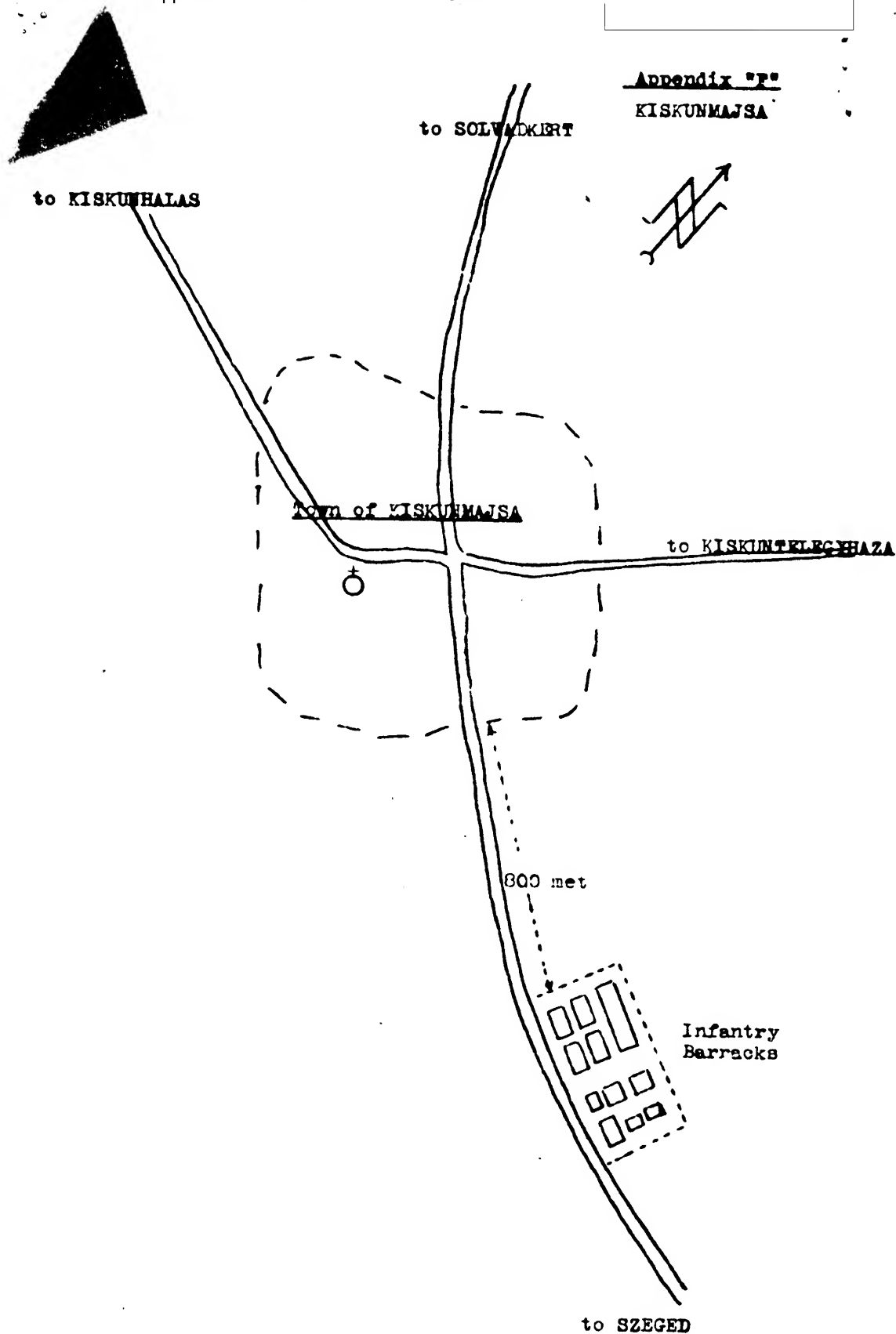
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Appendix "E"

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Appendix "F"
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